

House File 2316

S-5008

1 Amend House File 2316, as amended, passed, and reprinted by  
2 the House, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 135.173A, subsection 4, paragraph p,  
5 Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6 *p.* One person who is part of a local program implementing  
7 the statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young  
8 children under [chapter 256C](#).

9 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 135.173A, subsection 6, paragraph f, Code  
10 2022, is amended to read as follows:

11 *f.* Make recommendations for improving collaborations  
12 between the child care programs involving the department of  
13 human services and programs supporting the education and  
14 development of young children including but not limited to the  
15 federal head start program; the statewide preschool program  
16 for ~~four-year-old~~ young children; and the early childhood,  
17 at-risk, and other early education programs administered by the  
18 department of education.

19 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.1, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2022,  
20 are amended to read as follows:

21 1. "*Approved local program*" means a school district's  
22 program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children approved by the  
23 department of education to provide high quality preschool  
24 instruction.

25 4. "*Preschool program*" means the statewide preschool program  
26 for ~~four-year-old~~ young children created in accordance with  
27 this chapter.

28 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.2, Code 2022, is amended to read as  
29 follows:

30 **256C.2 Statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young**  
31 **children — purpose.**

32 1. A statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young  
33 children is established. The purpose of the preschool program  
34 is to provide an opportunity for all young children in the  
35 state to enter school ready to learn by expanding voluntary

1 access to quality preschool curricula ~~for all children who are~~  
2 ~~four years old~~.

3 2. The state board shall adopt rules in accordance with  
4 chapter 17A as necessary to implement the preschool program as  
5 provided in [this chapter](#).

6 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.3, subsection 1, paragraphs a and b,  
7 Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

8 a. A child who is a resident of Iowa and who is four  
9 years of age on or before September 15 of a school year shall  
10 be eligible to enroll in the preschool program under this  
11 chapter. For school budget years beginning July 1, 2023, July  
12 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, a child who is a resident of Iowa  
13 and who reaches five years of age on or after March 15 but on  
14 or before September 15 of the calendar year during which the  
15 school year begins shall be eligible to enroll in the preschool  
16 program under this chapter if the school district elects to  
17 enroll children who are five years of age for the three-year  
18 period. For school districts that elect to enroll children  
19 who are five years of age during such three-year period, a  
20 child who enrolled as a four-year-old may enroll again as a  
21 five-year-old. However, if insufficient space is available in  
22 a preschool program for all eligible children, priority for  
23 enrollment shall be given to children who are four years of age  
24 on or before September 15 of a school year. If such a child is  
25 enrolled under [this chapter](#), the child shall be considered to  
26 be of compulsory attendance age as provided in section 299.1A,  
27 subsection 3.

28 b. If space and funding are available, including funding  
29 from another school district account or fund from which  
30 preschool program expenditures are authorized by law, a school  
31 district approved to participate in the preschool program  
32 may enroll and pay the cost of attendance for a ~~younger or~~  
33 ~~elder~~ child in the preschool program who does not satisfy the  
34 requirements under paragraph "a"; however, the child shall not  
35 be counted for state funding purposes.

1     Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, paragraphs b and c,  
2 Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

3     *b.* Subject to implementation of [chapter 28E](#) agreements  
4 between a school district and community-based providers of  
5 services to four-year-old children and eligible five-year-old  
6 children, a four-year-old child or eligible five-year-old child  
7 who is enrolled in a child care center or child development  
8 home licensed or registered under [chapter 237A](#), or in an  
9 existing public or private preschool program, shall be eligible  
10 for services provided by the school district's local preschool  
11 program.

12     *c.* A school district shall participate in data collection  
13 and performance measurement processes and reporting as defined  
14 by rule. In addition to preschool program data collection,  
15 the school district data collected by the department shall  
16 include data related to the number and birth month and year  
17 of pupils who enroll in kindergarten, including all-day,  
18 half-day, or transitional kindergarten programs, for more  
19 than one school year and whether those pupils previously or  
20 concurrently enrolled in the school district's approved local  
21 program. To the extent feasible, the data reporting relating  
22 to kindergarten program enrollment shall be done in a manner  
23 so as to avoid duplication of individual pupil data within  
24 multiple categories.

25     Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.3, subsection 4, Code 2022, is  
26 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

27     NEW PARAGRAPH. *e.* For budget years beginning on or after  
28 July 1, 2023, each approved local program shall provide  
29 consultation services for parents or guardians of children  
30 enrolled in the approved local program and parents or guardians  
31 of children eligible to enroll in the approved local program to  
32 assist parents or guardians in assessing the child's readiness  
33 for enrollment in kindergarten or in a preschool program, as  
34 applicable.

35     Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 256C.4, subsection 2, Code 2022, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 2. *Eligible student enrollment.*

3 a. To be included as an eligible student in the enrollment  
4 count of the preschool programming provided by a school  
5 district approved to participate in the preschool program, a  
6 child must ~~be four years of~~ satisfy the age by September 15  
7 requirements of section 256C.3, subsection 1, paragraph "a", in  
8 the base year and be attending the school district's approved  
9 local program.

10 b. The enrollment count of eligible students shall not  
11 include a child who is included in the enrollment count  
12 determined under [section 257.6](#) or a child who is served by  
13 a program already receiving state or federal funds for the  
14 purpose of the provision of four-year-old or five-year-old  
15 preschool programming while the child is being served by the  
16 program. Such preschool programming includes but is not  
17 limited to child development assistance programs provided under  
18 chapter 256A, special education programs provided under section  
19 256B.9, school ready children grant programs and other programs  
20 provided under [chapter 256I](#), and federal head start programs  
21 and the services funded by Tit. I of the federal Elementary and  
22 Secondary Education Act of 1965.>

23 2. Page 6, after line 1 by inserting:

24 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
25 subparagraph (1), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) An approved local program under the statewide preschool  
27 program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children under [chapter 256C](#).

28 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 298A.2, subsection 2, paragraph c,  
29 subparagraph (1), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Start-up costs for an approved local program under the  
31 statewide preschool program for ~~four-year-old~~ young children  
32 under [chapter 256C](#).

33 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 299.1A, subsection 3, Code 2022, is  
34 amended to read as follows:

35 3. A child who has reached the age of four ~~by September 15~~

1 or five and who is enrolled in the statewide preschool program  
2 under [chapter 256C](#) shall be considered to be of compulsory  
3 attendance age unless the parent or guardian of the child  
4 submits written notice to the school district implementing the  
5 program of the parent's or guardian's intent to remove the  
6 child from enrollment in the preschool program.>

7 3. Page 6, after line 10 by inserting:

8 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. APPLICABILITY. The following apply July 1, 2023,  
9 for school budget years beginning on or after that date:

10 1. The section of this Act amending section 135.173A,  
11 subsection 4, paragraph "p".

12 2. The section of this Act amending section 135.173A,  
13 subsection 6, paragraph "f".

14 3. The section of this Act amending section 256C.1,  
15 subsections 1 and 4.

16 4. The section of this Act amending section 256C.2.

17 5. The section of this Act amending section 256C.3,  
18 subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b".

19 6. The section of this Act amending section 256C.3,  
20 subsection 4, paragraphs "b" and "c".

21 7. The section of this Act enacting section 256C.3,  
22 subsection 4, paragraph "e".

23 8. The section of this Act amending section 256C.4,  
24 subsection 2.

25 9. The section of this Act amending section 298A.2,  
26 subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1).

27 10. The section of this Act amending section 298A.2,  
28 subsection 2, paragraph "c", subparagraph (1).

29 11. The section of this Act amending section 299A.1A,  
30 subsection 3.>

31 4. Title page, line 4, after <to> by inserting <certain  
32 programs and>

33 5. By renumbering as necessary.

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